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Hon. John R. Tunheim United States District Judge U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota 300 South Fourth Street Minneapolis, MN 55415 Hon. John F. Docherty Magistrate Judge U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota 316 N. Robert Street St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: In Re Pork Antitrust Litigation, 0:18-cv-01776-JRT-JFD

Dear Judge Tunheim and Judge Docherty:

I write, on behalf of the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs, Consumer Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs, Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico regarding the case management conference set for October 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. *See* ECF No. 1525. The Court has previously issued operative case management orders under which the close of fact discovery is October 31, 2022. There is much to do, and the parties are working hard to try to meet that deadline. Given the timing and circumstances of this litigation, the Class Plaintiffs and Puerto Rico respectfully request that the October 17 case management conference be conducted remotely via Zoom. The Defendants do not oppose this request.

The Direct Action Plaintiffs have advised the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs that they intend to request the case management conference be moved to October 18, 2022, to make travel logistics simpler and more efficient for counsel who may also be appearing at a status conference in the *Beef Antitrust Litigation*. If the Court holds the case management conference in person, we further request that, to the extent it is feasible, the proceedings be made available for remote attendance via video for any attorneys who cannot attend in person or are not anticipated to have a speaking role.

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